--- "Series of 1880-81" - RE-WORKED TOBACCO - (RW) - Quebec Division - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- lithographed in VIOLET ink - 238 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed 1/5 over *LICENSE* **and lb. over** No..... **plus** *S.M. Return No. ..... / G. La Rue /* ***Collector*** **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *G. La Rue* replaced *J. E. Fortier* as Collector at Quebec on February 16th 1878.

John McKay records that 90,000 *lithographed* copies of "1-5th Brown Tobacco", and 10,000 *lithographed* copies of "1-5th Violet Tobacco" as being 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). He has grouped the Division "Open" and the Division "Specific" stamps.

McKay further records that 37,200 *lithographed* copies of "1/5 lb. Violet Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892), which was generally reserved for *obsolete* BABN production 'Delivered' to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all brown and violet re-worked strips have been declared *obsolete*, and thus many of these sheets were *control-free*. John McKay has combined 'brown' and the 'violet' strips in this single entry.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	90,000 brown
	10,000 violet
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	37,200 violet and also brown - JBH
	137,200

During February / March 1888, BABN 'Delivered' the remaining 37,200 violet and brown 1/5th pound strips, both *control-numbered* and *control-free*, in perforated and in imperforate form to the Department, and thus originates the multiplicity of Brandom listed strips. I can see no other reason for the existence of a *control-numbered* imperforate strip - it was simply *unfinished stock*. The same can be said for the *control-free* perforated, rouletted and imperforate. They are plainly just anomalies, and they should be collected as such - i.e. not given a separate catalogue number.

The final 'upper-limit' control number on the 1/5th pound RE-WORKED TOBACCO strips - as collected to date

Division Open - brown	**065796**
Montreal Division - brown	**141960**
Quebec Division - violet	**011952**
	219,708

As can be seen from the above total something is definitely wrong with either the John McKay count, or with the control numbering. I have run into the same problem with other earlier "Division Open / Montreal" control numbering. Did the control operator forget to re-start the sequence when switching from "Division Open" to the "Montreal Division" and simply run the two sequences together? The count is about 60,000 too high.

The catalogue lists the 1/5th pound, violet, Quebec RE-WORKED strip as follows:

RW-47 - 1/5th pound, violet, Quebec, perf 12, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

RW-47n - 1/5th pound, violet, perforated 12, Quebec Division, without control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - badly faded

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Were the badly bowed copies *printers-waste*, and thus survive without control-numbering? Violet pigment is highly unstable to ultra-violet exposure, and many of these stamps are badly faded, although most of the faded strips seem to be *control-free*.

--- RW-47 - 1/5th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RW-47 - 1/5th pound, violet, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **010621**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic - a suspect strip

RW-47 - 1/5th pound, violet, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **010938**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

000014	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000028	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000110	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010276	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010322	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010323	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010324	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010337	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010339	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010398	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010512	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010515★	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010517	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010533	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010565	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010571	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010579	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010606	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010621★	RW-47 CP	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect
010782	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010710	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010716	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010718	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010938★	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010944	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010951	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010952	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010953	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011056	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011067	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011068★	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011082	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011084	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011092	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011099	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011110	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011119	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011129	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011131	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011136★	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011137	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011150	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

011152	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011480-84	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011485	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011486-88	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011526	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011576	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011580	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011589	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011610	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011621	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011628	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011634	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011642	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011667	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011674	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011681	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011682	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011687	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011690	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011693	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011715	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011716	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011722	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011735	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011795	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011799	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011806★	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011825	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011842	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011850	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011855	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011859	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011867-80	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011883	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011893	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011901	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011904	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011908	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011914	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011922	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011924	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011927	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011930	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011932	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011936	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
011952	RW-47	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

The following strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a catalogue number.

1/5th pound, violet, *imperforate*, Quebec Division, without control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

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